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GENERAL YOUNG'S appearance with the uniform of a lieutenant general two hours before General Miles' term expired, and therefore two hours before Young's promotion could take effect, was undoubtedly the work of General Corbin. That is just the kind of violation of etiquette for which Corbin is famous.

The appointment of General Young in General Miles' place for one week is a violation of the intent of congress and a petty attempt to get even with a real soldier because he did not approve of the administration's Philippine policy, including the water-cure, the Funston forgery tactics and other enormities of the Philippine campaign.

IN ANDREW JACKSON'S DAY.

"Gods! 'Tis hard for an old-line Democrat to see all sorts of rabble naming a Democratic governor at the behest of Republicans without the old-time formula of inspection, trial, acquaintance and ceremony. And to be told that the party are such scoundrels at heart that only one man can save us! Well, rather than accept such Republican salvation forced upon us ahead of time—rather than the grand old Democratic party shall knuckle to one man—let 'er go Gallagher."—Marshall Citizen.

When Andrew Jackson was inaugurated president he began "cleaning house," removing office-holders by the bunch. There was one man in the treasury department who had served through several administrations. Friends of Jackson importuned him to retain this old servant, saying: "He is the only man in the country who can safely manage the office." Old Hickory was indignant and said: "By the eternal that man will be the next to go. The idea of the preservation of this republic resting with one man! We will educate others, for this man might die, and then the country would be in a h—l of a fix." And, sure enough, there was another removal.

DOCKERY ON BOODLING.

There was a big mass-meeting at Lone Jack, Jackson county, Saturday, August 15. Among the speakers was Governor Dockery, who, among other things, said:

"In thirty years the Democratic party reduced and wiped out the state debt made by corrupt Republican rule. The Democratic party has paid off \$47,000,000 of this debt. The grand old Democratic party has made it so that Missouri has no debt, and it has the lowest tax rate of any state in the union.

"Everything has not gone at the capital as I should like to have had it. There has been some talk of boodling. Whatever has been lost it hasn't cost the people anything, and the Democratic party is not responsible. If sandbagging has been going on—and I fear it has—it has been at the expense of the great corporations and other business interests.

Wherein does this corruption lie? Against six or seven men of both parties. These men have been indicted and if, after a fair trial, they are found guilty, they must be sent to the penitentiary, and they will remain there so long as I am governor."

In the main we endorse what Governor Dockery says in the above, but we believe he is mistaken when he says that boodling hasn't cost the people anything. When "corporations and other business interests" put up their money to sandbagging legislators, you may rest assured that they are going to get it back, and that the people will have to foot the bill in the end.

This is equally true of trusts. When the beef trust was fined \$5,000 by the Missouri supreme court for violating the anti-trust law, the beef combine put up the price of beef and recouped itself to the amount of its fine in al-

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most less time than it takes to tell it.

Then, too, unless Circuit Attorney Folk is more successful in making his conviction of boodlers stick in the supreme court, the boodlers will go un-whipped of justice, and the state will have to bear the stigma of the disgrace in addition to paying the criminal costs in boodling cases.

INTELLECTUALITY VS. SENTIMENTALISM.

The COURIER is what its name implies, a messenger of news and a reliable source of information. By merit it has attained that place in the confidence of its readers that all respectable and truthful journals ought to occupy. The COURIER, while listed as a country paper, occupies a wider field than many other weeklies outside of the great cities. Its circulation is many times greater, and a newspaper's influence is measured by its worth and circulation. The responsibility of a newspaper is more than that of any other public servant, because it is read and believed by a larger audience than any individual can possibly command. Therefore, there is a confidence reposed in the editorial utterances of a legitimate newspaper that very few politicians or other professional men appreciate; but this confidence, while stimulating to the editor, is also a reminder of the grave responsibility he assumes. The opportunities afforded him for the assembling and disseminating of news are a trust that he must regard too sacred to speculate with. Vain, foolish men may gamble with the credulity of their listeners, and flourish in the morning of their hey-day, but when the trumpet's blast is stilled, the waving banners are furled and the hilarious voices are quelled, there follows a tranquility that seems like a paralytic stroke had fallen on the forces that promised so much and accomplished so little.

During the past six weeks there has been a tremendous effort to precipitate a state campaign in Missouri one year in advance of its time. The COURIER was not caught in the whirlwind of enthusiasm, and has not harassed its readers with untimely demands. This pacific policy was not because we favored or disfavored some of the men and measures, but because we have confidence in the patriotism and intellectuality of Missouri Democrats. There are other demands on the people other than boosting one candidate and deriding another. In the great army of Democrats in Missouri are hundreds of men who are capable and worthy, and the COURIER is not willing to admit that our great commonwealth is rushing madly to the demeriton bow-wows, until there is only one man left to save us from disgrace and defeat.

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Desecration of the Sabbath.

(Communicated).

Salisbury, Mo., Aug. 18, 1903.
EDITOR COURIER:—With your permission I wish space in your valuable paper for a short article. Not long since I noticed a few lines in the Salisbury correspondence to the COURIER, stating that a minister of the gospel had written a letter to a friend, saying that in Dexter, Mo., the devil was doing a big work there in many ways, and as I pondered over the matter, I asked this question to myself: "Why is the devil getting in such good work, with so many ministers of the gospel and houses of worship all over the land?"

Then I thought that some of the greatest evils and sins of the day were rarely ever mentioned from the pulpit.

In the newspapers every week we see advertised Sunday excursions by the railroads, at reduced rates, to baseball games, theatres and other ungodly amusements on the Lord's day. Yes, low rates, carrying the people to the devil and ruin!

You will hear the minister preach what he calls an orthodox sermon. Then again you hear him preach of the awful sins of social dancing, card-playing and other civil amusements at home (not done, however, on the Lord's day). Then they storm the liquor traffic, gambling and other evils and it is right and proper that they should.

But when every Sabbath is desecrated by excursions, baseball games, theatres and other evils leading the masses of people from their homes and from the house of worship and down the broad road to destruction, the minister is dumb. He turns a deaf ear, his eyes are closed, and he speaks not of the sin that is the greatest menace to Christianity, and that is a disgrace to the American people and a greater curse to civilization and religion than all other sins of the day.

Of course there are some exceptions as now and then (but very seldom) a minister is bold enough to speak against this disgraceful violation of God's laws and common decency.

They (the people and the devil) call baseball a national game and it may not be popular to preach against it, but if that be true, better close up the churches and give the devil full sway.

I would rather a boy would be at home playing a social game of cards or at a social dance on a week day than out on an excursion on Sunday with a rough crowd at a baseball game, where profanity, drunkenness and vulgar reign supreme.

It is said that if one has faith as large as a grain of mustard seed he may remove mountains.

Then why has not the minister power and force enough to blot out these great curses to humanity?

Don't rear at the small sins and small things, and pass by unnoticed the wanton desecration of the Sabbath. I dislike to see one strain at a gnat and swallow a camel.

What is the result of this desecration of the Sabbath?

Look at it square in the face. Go to the churches on the Lord's day, and you will find them almost empty.

The young people and many of the elder, where are they? Excursion baseball games, as the name indicates, are base. Even some women attend these Sunday amusements of the devil where profanity and vulgarity are heard.

Ministers, "can you not lift up your voices and cry aloud and show the people their sins and in the house of Jacob their transgressions?" Don't be afraid to preach against sin.

I am pleased to know that a few newspapers have the backbone to speak out against this shameful practice on the Lord's day.

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lieve, was bold enough to say that the Sunday excursion and baseball had made Sunday the worst and wickedest day of the week, and one of the Carrollton papers spoke of its blighting influence on the people. Can it, and will it, be stamped out by the people? Will the minister do his duty and take the lead? If God is on his side he will do it.

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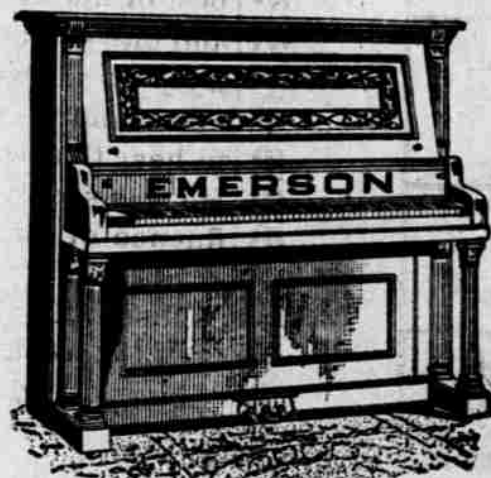
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